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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:


IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 9 as follows. Add claim 11.

a' 1.(Currently Amended) A digital transcoding system for receiving data bit streams with a first bit rate (R1) and outputting a data bit stream with a second bit rate (R2), which differs from the first bit rate (R1) and in particular is reduced relative thereto, comprising on its input side a decoding device (10), which has an input buffer (11) and a series-connected VLD decoder (12), also, on its output side, a coding device (20), which has a series circuit that includes consisting of a quantizer (21) for requantizing with a requantization factor the data that have been dequantized in the decoding device (10), a subsequent VLC coder (22), and an output buffer (23), wherein to

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